

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S1515–61****Additional Statements:****Pages S1503–04****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S1561–69****Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S1569–70****Privilege of the Floor:****Page S1570**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1579.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine on proposed legislation making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, after receiving testimony from Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller, both of the Department of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, focusing on the Federal Reserve's objectives of price stability and maximum sustainable employment, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET: 2006

Committee on the Budget: Committee held a hearing to examine the transparency of budget measures, focusing on the economic costs of long-term federal obligations, receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 48, to reauthorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, with an amendment;

S. 52, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah;

S. 54, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the

feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, with an amendment;

S. 55, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado;

S. 56, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado;

S. 57, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000;

S. 97, to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming;

S. 99, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming;

S. 101, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation;

S. 128, to designate certain public land in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, and Napa Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river;

S. 136, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist certain local school districts in the State of California in providing education services for students attending schools located within Yosemite National Park, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with an amendment;

S. 152, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, with an amendment;

S. 161, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership;

S. 182, to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, with an amendment;

S. 272, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, with an amendment;

S. 276, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; and S. 301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, with an amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 125, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse".

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert B. Zoellick, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: on Wednesday, February 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the United Nations management and oversight of the Oil-for-Food Program (OFF Program), focusing on the operations of the independent inspection agents retained by the United Nations and their role within the OFF Program, including the administration of the OFF Program by the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program and the findings of the U.N. Office of Internal Oversight Services, after receiving testimony from Ambassador Patrick F. Kennedy, U.S. Representative for U.N. Management and Reform, United States Mission to the United Nations; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office; Robert M. Massey, Andre E. Pruniaux, and Milan Radenovic, all of Cotecna Inspection S.A., Geneva, Switzerland; John Denson, Saybolt Group, Houston, Texas; Arthur Ventham, Kinross, Western Australia; Stafford Clarry, Syracuse, New York; and Verne Kulyk, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transforming government for the 21st century, focus-

ing on the report of the Government Accountability Office entitled 21st Century Challenges: Reexamining the Base of the Federal Government, including addressing the nation's long-term fiscal gap, deciding on the appropriate role and size of government, and financing the government, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the realities of safety and security regarding drug importation, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Carmona, Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, St. Paul; John M. Gray, Healthcare Distribution Management Association, Reston, Virginia; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Mount Prospect, Illinois; and Peter Rost, Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York.

BUDGET: INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2006 budget request for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Victoria Vasques, Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director of Education for Indian Education, Department of Education; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Chester Carl, National American Indian Housing Council, and John Thomas Petherick, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and David Beaulieu, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

WORLD THREAT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national security threats to the interests of the United States, focusing on terrorism, Iraq, nuclear weapons proliferation, and North Korea, after receiving testimony from Porter J. Goss, Director of Central Intelligence; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Admiral James Loy, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, U.S.

Navy, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Carol Rodley, Principal

Deputy Assistance Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 836–872; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21; H. Con. Res. 66–69, and H. Res. 105–118, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. John H. Parker, Pastor, Central Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

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Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 310, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material, by a ye-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 35.

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Agreed to the Upton amendment that makes seven changes to various provisions of the bill by a voice vote.

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H. Res. 95, the rule providing for consideration of the rule, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous questions by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 34.

Pages H635–43, H652–53

Class Action Fairness Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 96, the rule providing for consideration of S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, by voice vote.

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Committee Vacation: Read a letter from Representative Lofgren (CA) wherein she asked permission to vacate her seat on the Committee on Science.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 111, electing Members to the following standing committees: Committee on House Administration: Representative Lofgren (CA); and Committee on Small Business: Representative Moore (WI).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Recognizing the commitment of the U.S. to the recovery of and accounting for American POWs or MIAs: H.J. Res. 18, recognizing the historic commitment of the United States to the recovery of and full accounting for Americans who are prisoners of war or in a missing status.

Pages H665–69

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measure. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, February 17:

Honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri: H. Res. 91, amended, honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Pages H669–73

President's Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 112, electing Representative Musgrave to the Committee on Resources.

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Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the remainder of the term expiring on May 3, 2005.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of a new Executive Order that amends existing Executive Orders and clarifies certain measures taken to address certain national emergencies—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–10).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H633.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 13 was ordered held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H652–53 and H664. There were no quorum calls.